

# ***Distributed Wireless Multi-sensor Technologies***

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CPS #14226

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# *Presentation Overview*

- Project Overview/Summary
- Technical Metrics and Barriers
- Progress to date
- Future Plans
- Commercialization



# Goals/Challenges/Benefits

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**Goal:** Wireless multi-sensors that can be deployed in an industrial environment to facilitate better maintenance practices for improved energy performance.

**Challenge:** Low-life cycle cost and robust wireless communications. Customer acceptance.

**Benefits:** One potential use: more efficient operation of electric motors through early identification of potential failures resulting in an estimated savings of 0.1 Quads of Electricity by 2020.

**FY04/05 Activities:** Collect customer requirements, using various industrial sites, characterize the RF environment, build statistical models to verify system performance, retire high risk technology items and perform system design.



## Participants:

Sensicast Systems,  
Needham MA.

Rensselaer Polytechnic  
Institute, Troy NY.

Chevron Texaco, Houston  
Tx.



# *Distributed Wireless Multi-sensor Technologies CPS # 14226*

## **Barrier-Pathway Approach**

### **Barriers**

- Noisy unreliable channel
- Short battery life
- Life cycle costs
- Network Security
- Gateways



### **Pathways**

- Characterize the channel, qualify a design approach.
- Low duty cycle operation, energy harvesting.
- Minimize device cost, maximize life and reduce installation expense
- Data Encryption
- Standard Interfaces



### **Critical Metrics**

- Accurate early prediction of asset faults before they occur
- 5 year average unattended life
- Significant reduction in installed costs.

<b>Benefits (est.)</b>	<b>2020</b>
Energy Savings	122 trillion Btu
Cost Savings	TBD
Carbon Reduction	2.13 MMTCe



# Project Overview

## Low-Cost Wireless Multi-Measurand Sensing Program



### Wireless Sensor Concept

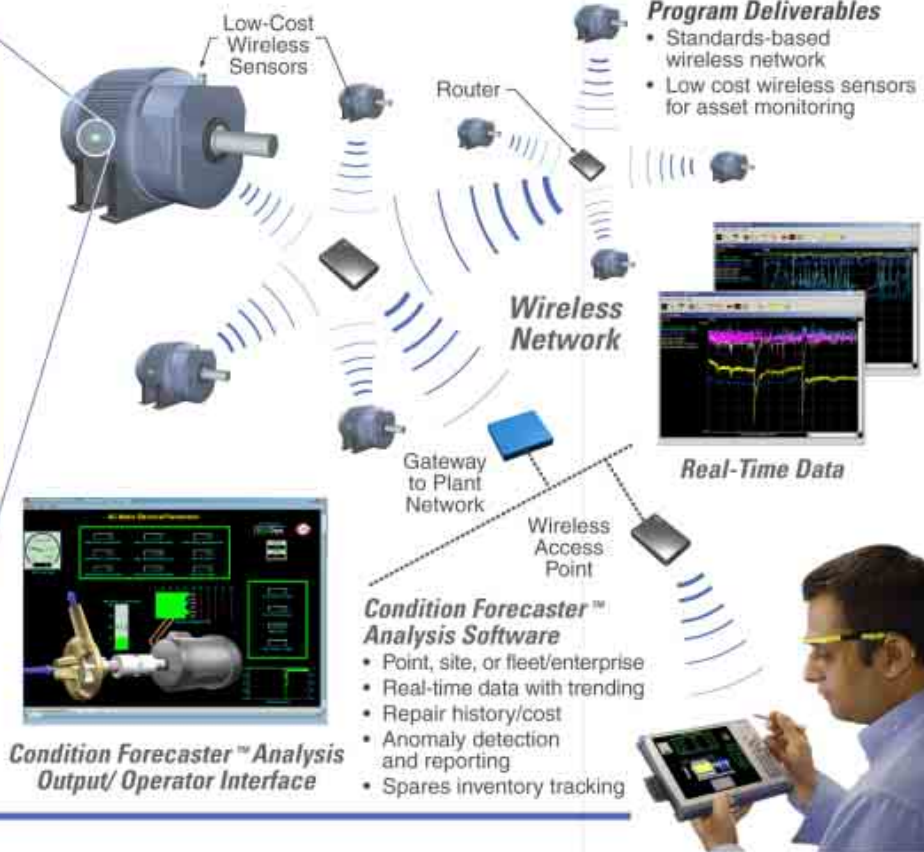


#### Advantages

- Communication reliability
- Long life (minimum 3 years)
- Robust package (-40°C–70°C operation)
- No FCC license required (ISM band)
- Multiple sensor options in single package
- Enclosure options suitable for outdoor applications

#### Benefits of the Technology

- Estimation of remaining life
- Indicator of operational efficiency
- Improves asset maintenance strategies



### Program Deliverables

- Standards-based wireless network
- Low cost wireless sensors for asset monitoring

### Real-Time Data

### Condition Forecaster™ Analysis Software

- Point, site, or fleet/enterprise
- Real-time data with trending
- Repair history/cost
- Anomaly detection and reporting
- Spares inventory tracking

### Condition Forecaster™ Analysis Output/ Operator Interface



# GRC External Team Members



- 50% cost share commitment
- Sensor Commercialization



- MAC and Networking Software
- Network configuration tools
- 50% cost share commitment



- Customer requirements
- Onsite testing and qualification



- Condition Forecaster™
- Commercialization through Service Business



Rensselaer

- Advanced motor condition modeling
- Sensor to condition identification



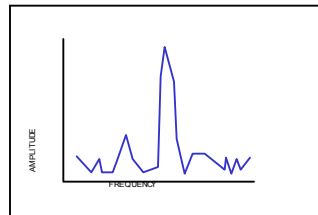
# *Progress to Date*

## Customer Requirements



- Customer Interviews
- Customer Surveys

## Channel Capability Analysis



- Channel Characterization
- Simulation Models
- Physical Channel model

## Technology Selection



- Radio Technology  
Experimental Data  
Vendor Selection
- Networking Technology  
Partner Selection
- Processor Technology  
Device Selection
- Energy Source  
Study options  
Experimental data



# Voice of the Customer

- Conducting one on one customer interviews with different industries
- Developed Web based Conjoint survey.
- Distributed over 50 paper surveys to various industries
- Data collection ongoing, too early for requirements analysis.

http://www.sawsft.com/~mvm/MVM/cgi-bin/ciwweb.pl - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by ITMS @ GE Global Research

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**If these were your only options, which would you choose?**  
Choose by clicking one of the buttons below

<u>Price per motor See Definition</u>	\$450 per motor (One Time)	\$450 per motor (One Time)	\$950 per motor (One Time)	Price per motor per year equals:\$1,000 (Rekurs annually)
<u>Anomaly Coverage See Definition</u>	Bearing Health - Vibration Thresholds	Bearing Health - Multiple measures Insulation Health - Multiple measures	Bearing Health - Multiple measures Insulation Health - Multiple measures Mechanical Health - multiple measures	<b>Mechanical Testing Standard</b> 1. Vibration taken once a month 2. Accomplished via a Walkaround 3. Analysis/Report done Manually 4. Data Logged into Database for trending & Viewing 5. Assumes 25 motor route per day
<u>Condition Trending See Definition</u>	Once a second	Once a minute	Remote programmable (Daily/Hourly/Minute or Second)	<b>Electrical Testing Standard</b> 1. Megger & PI test once every 6 months 2. Accomplished via a Walkaround 3. Analysis/Report done Manually 4. Data Logged into Database for trending & Viewing 5. Assumes 10 motor route per day 6. Requires shutdown to access equipment
<u>Reliability &amp; Maintainability See Definition</u>	MTEF 6 years (Sensor) MTBI 3 years (System)	MTEF 2 years (Sensor) MTBI 1 year (System)	MTEF 6 years (Sensor) MTBI 3 years (System)	Pricing Based on 1 1/2 days per month for Mechanical & 7 Total Days for electrical testing. Assumes a \$1,000 daily cost including T&L.
<u>Data Analysis See Definition</u>	Condition Monitoring (Trending/Anomaly) Health Assessment (Stressed Component)	Condition Monitoring (Trending/Anomaly) Health Assessment (Stressed Component) Prognostics (Remaining Life) Decision Support (Advisory)	Condition Monitoring (Trending/Anomaly)	<b>The above reflects Standard Option Preventative Maintenance Program</b>
<u>Power Requirements See Definition</u>	Sensor (Self powered w/battery) Router (direct source)	Sensor & Router (direct source)	Sensor (Self powered w/battery) Router (direct source)	
<u>Local or Remote See Definition</u>	Centralized Customer Server	Local Site Server - No Remote Access	GE Supported Server	
<u>Data Security See Definition</u>	None	Rotating Key Updates (Includes both Encryption & Authentication)	Encryption	

Please click on radio button above that reflects the product you would likely purchase

Internet

## Online Conjoint Survey

Medium Voltage Motors: <http://www.sawsft.com/~mvm/MVM/MVMlogin.htm>

Low Voltage Motors: <http://www.sawsft.com/~mvm/LVM/LVMlogin.htm>





# ChevronTexaco

- ✓ Large Population (85%) under 200HP
- ✓ Bearings most common failure on Low voltage
- ✓ Proper Packaging is a must have
- ✓ Many outdoor applications
- ✓ Reasonable system costs a must



- ✓ Mobility of sensing packing & platform highly desirable
- ✓ Additional assets/application focus very desirable (Motor-Pump)
- ✓ No packaging restrictions
- ✓ Comm readily accessible, 100Ft-100ft



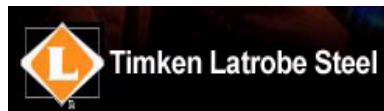
- ✓ Motor Energy costs small % of total
- ✓ 95% motors under 200HP
- ✓ Un spared (other) applications most desirable
- ✓ Low sensor cost
- ✓ Packaging a must, outdoors, 100m, 1/day transmission,

## Common Customer Inputs

*Reasonable Cost of Implementation*  
*Adequate Set of "Predictive" Sensed Functions*  
*Ease of Use & Reliability of System*  
*Maintenance/Engineering Decision Support*  
*Network Security (Gateway in particular)*  
*Ability to integrate with Suite of Existing Software & assets*  
*Scalability & Extensibility of wireless network*  
*Proper Packaging*



- ✓ Network Security
- ✓ Adequate sensing functions
- ✓ Reasonable cost
- ✓ Effectiveness of Network
- ✓ Ability to integrate w/ existing software/assets



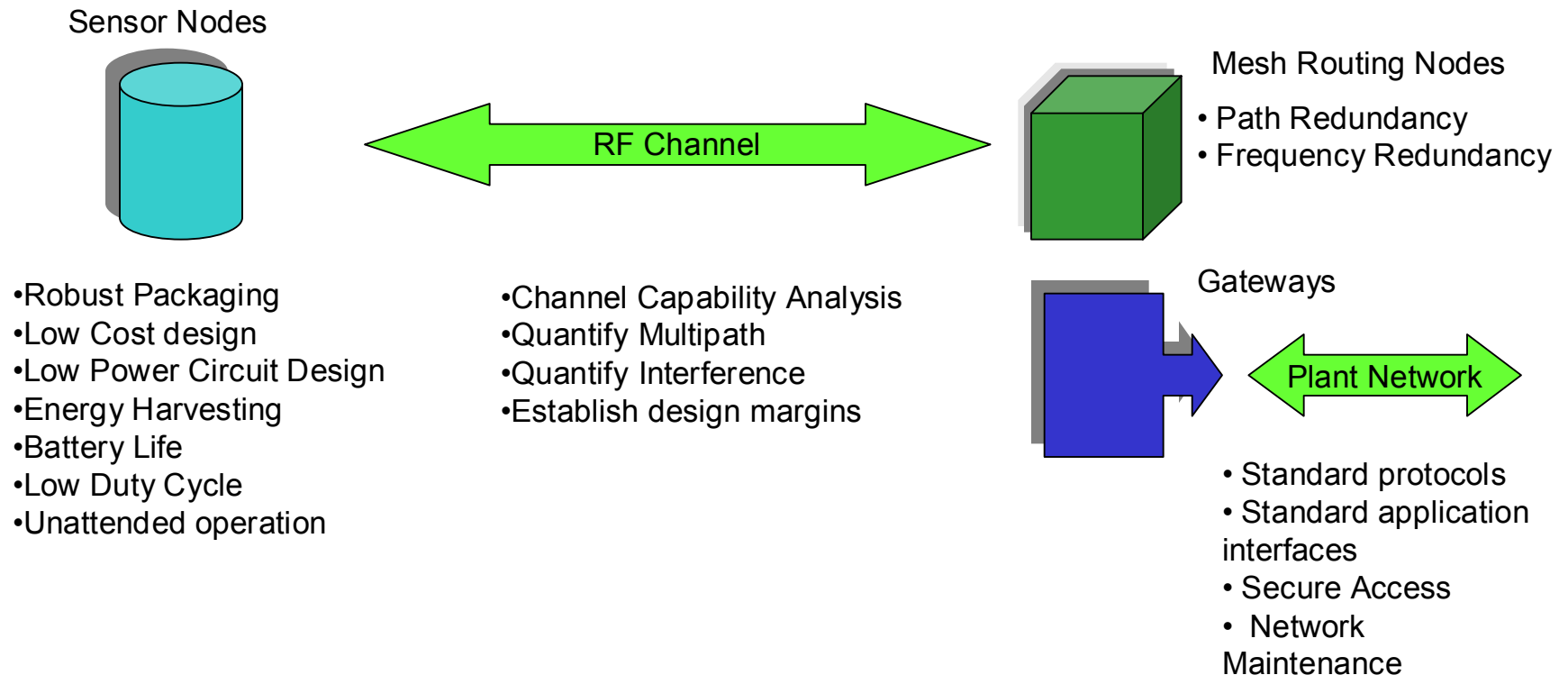
- ✓ Adequate sensing functions
- ✓ Motor reliability with life prediction essential
- ✓ Immediate motor replacement advise



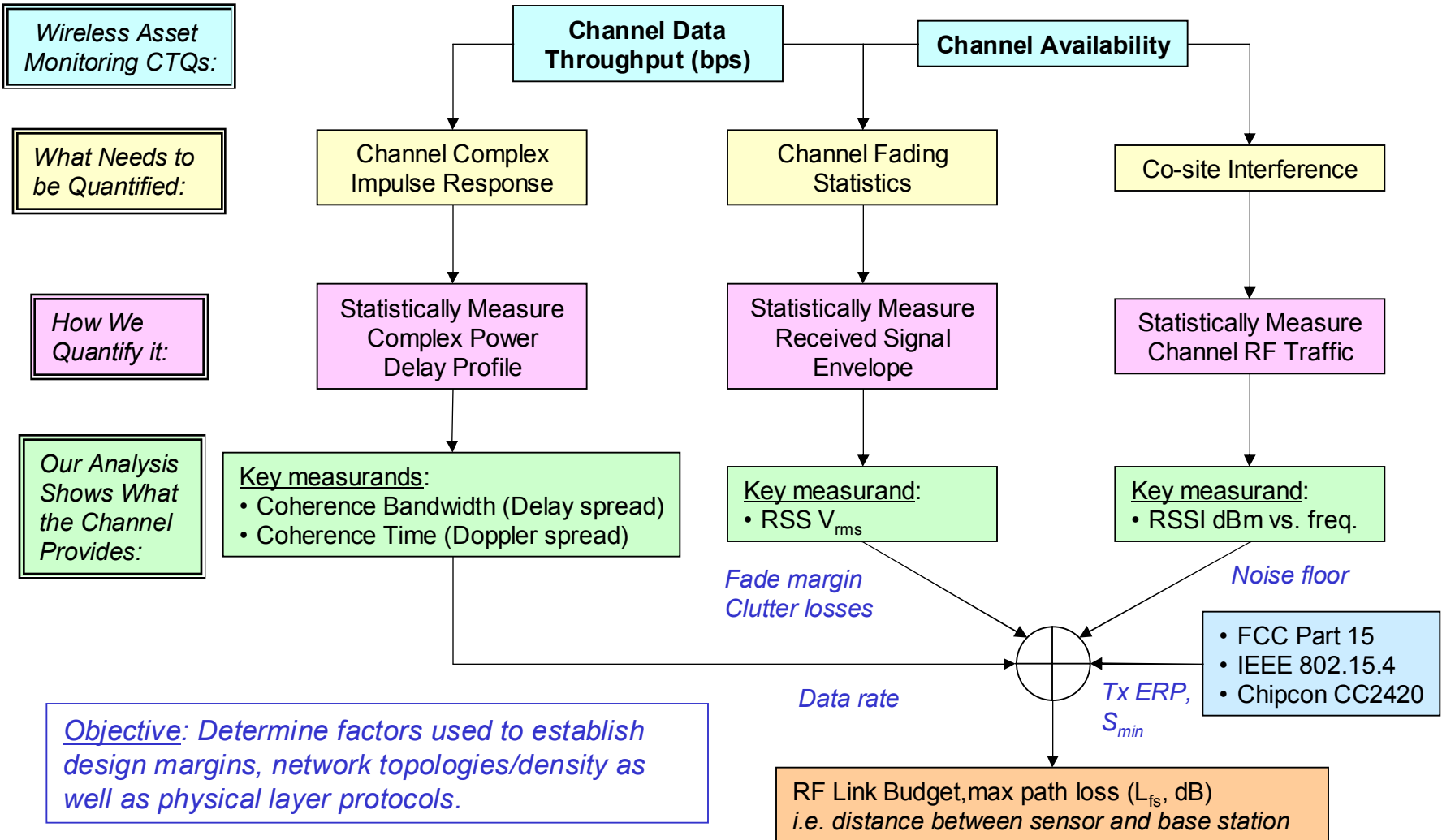
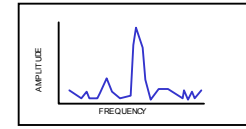
- ✓ Adequate "Predictive" sensing functions
- ✓ Reasonable cost
- ✓ Ease of installation
- ✓ Ability to integrate with existing software/assets



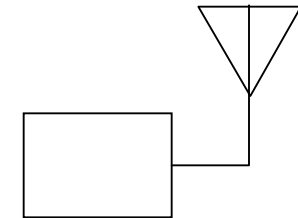
# System Mapping of Technology Needs



# Channel Capability Analysis



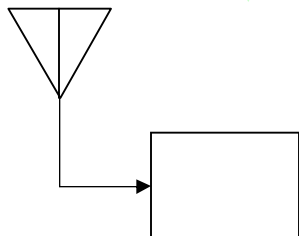
## 2.4 GHz Channel Complex Impulse Response



Berkeley Varitronics  
Systems  
*Raptor XMTR*



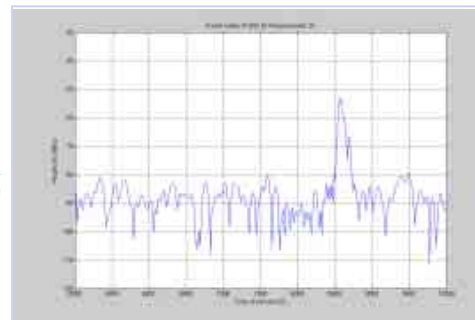
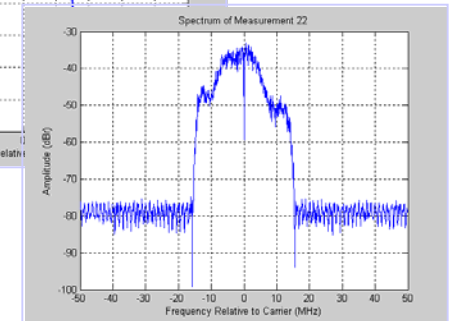
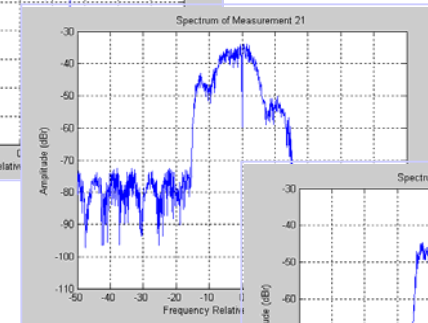
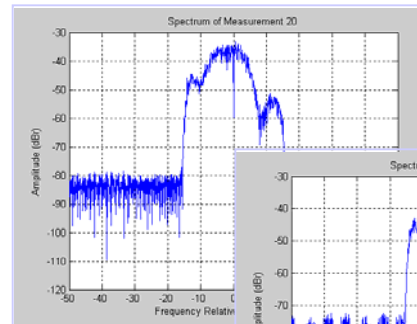
Transmit and receive  
2.4 GHz ISM-band  
Complex DSSS Signal



Berkeley Varitronics  
Systems  
*Raptor RCVR*

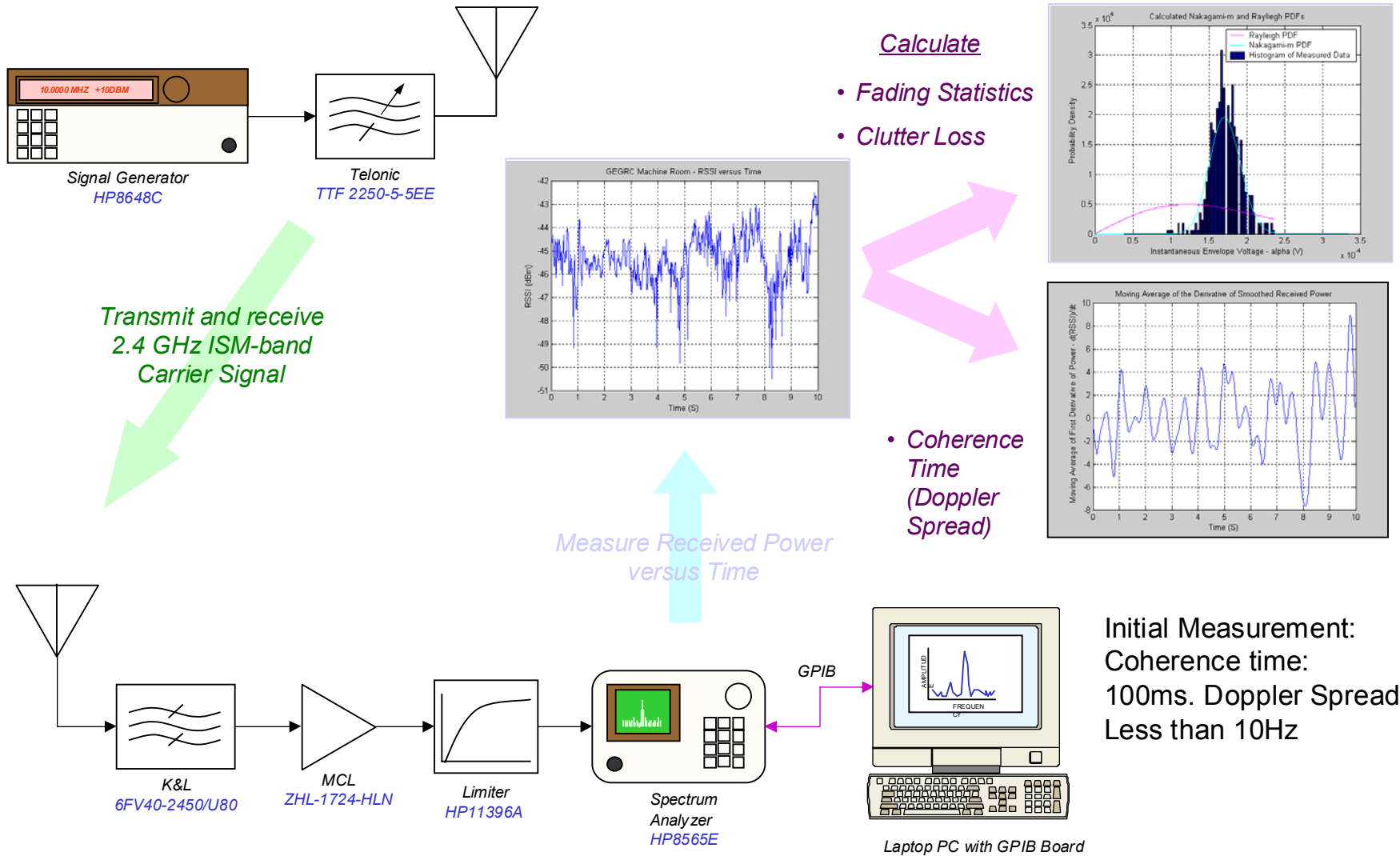
Measure  
Power Delay Profile  
(channel impulse response)  
versus Time

Calculate  
Coherence  
Bandwidth (Delay  
Spread) variations  
over time



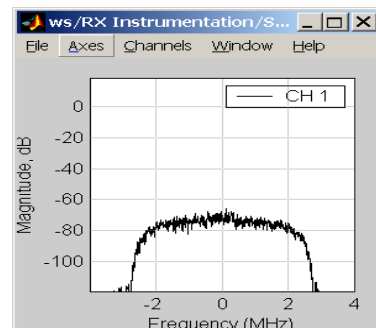
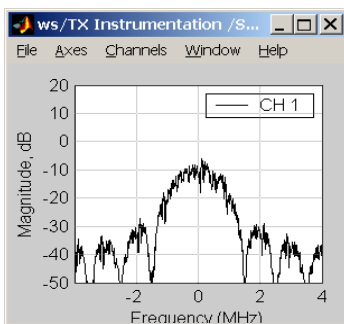
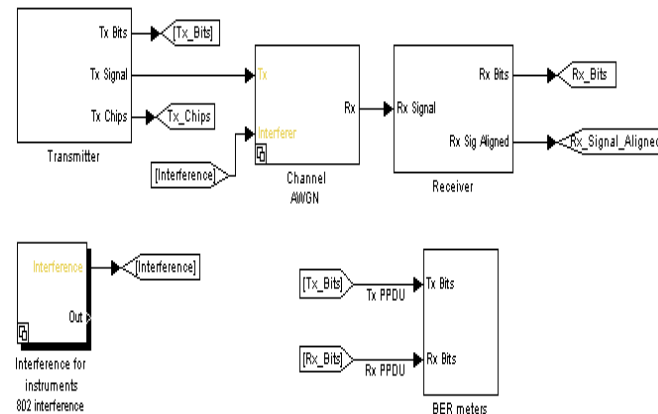
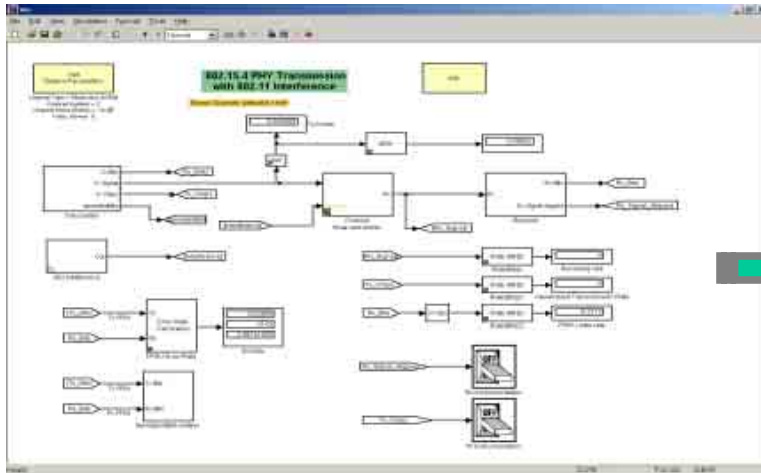
Initial Measurement (1 site, one time):  
Coherence BW 250kHz –  
10 MHz  
More data must be collected

## 2.4 GHz Channel Coherence Time and Fading Statistics



## 802.15.4 Matlab Simulink Model

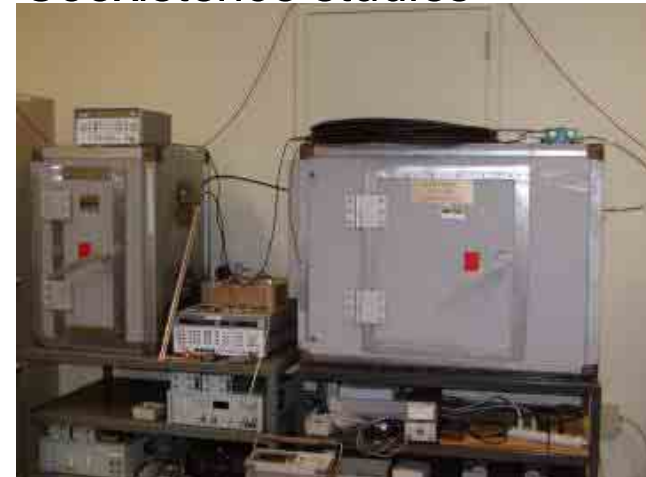
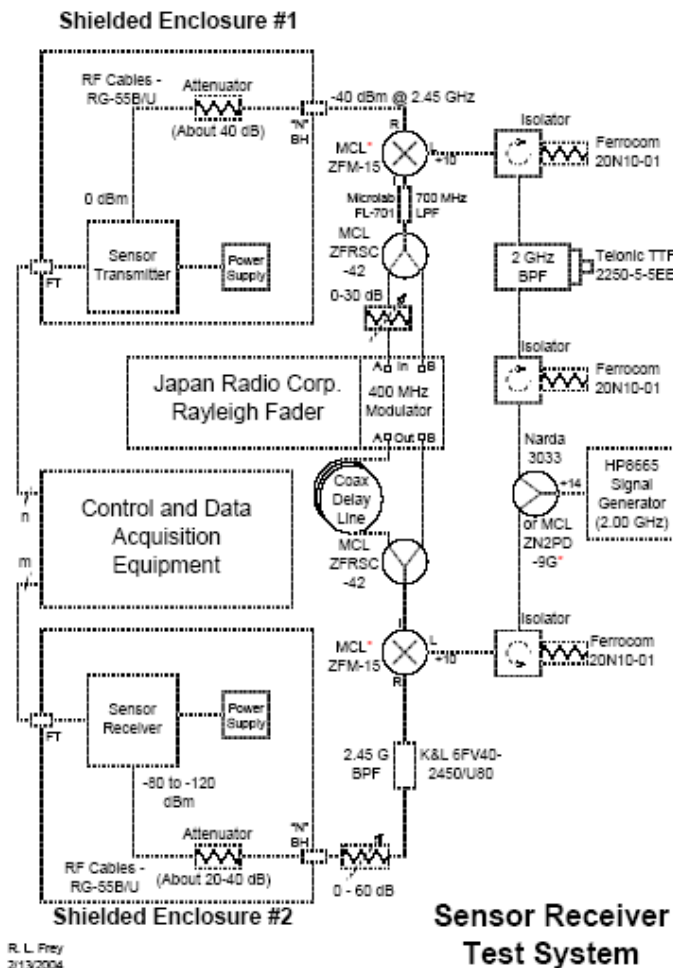
- 802.15.4 PHY model was built and simulated with Matlab and Simulink



# Physical Channel Simulator

## Testing Capabilities

- Radio Qualification Studies
- Receiver Sensitivity
- Transmitter properties
- Straight multipath
- Multipath with Rayleigh fading
- Interference studies
- Coexistence studies



## *Radio Testing*

- Prototyped radio design with +15dBm transmitter.
- Built multiple radio nodes for onsite radio performance data collection.
- Testing in representative Industrial Environments



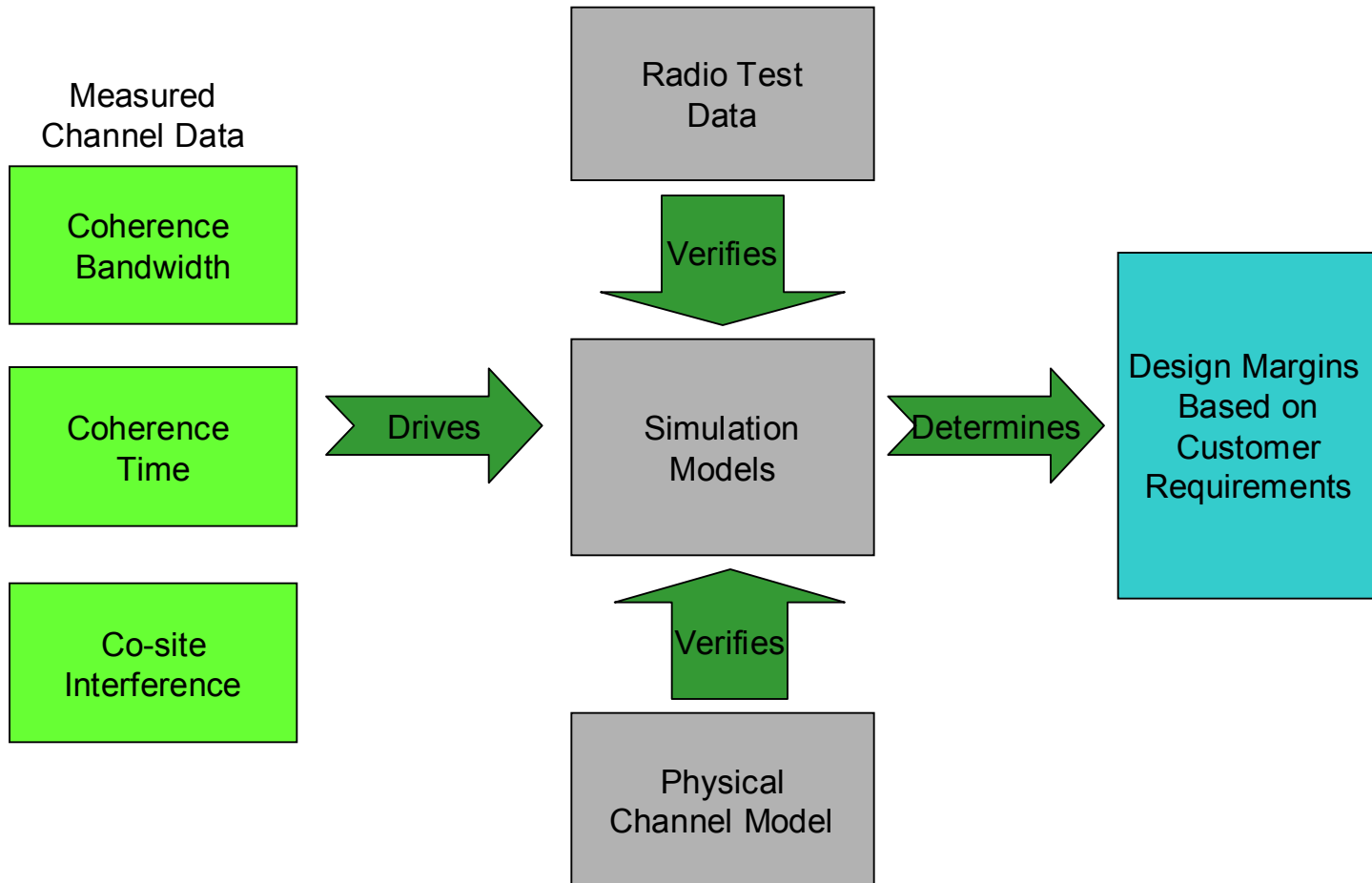
GE Onsite test bed



Radio Performance Analysis



# Channel Capability Analysis Flow



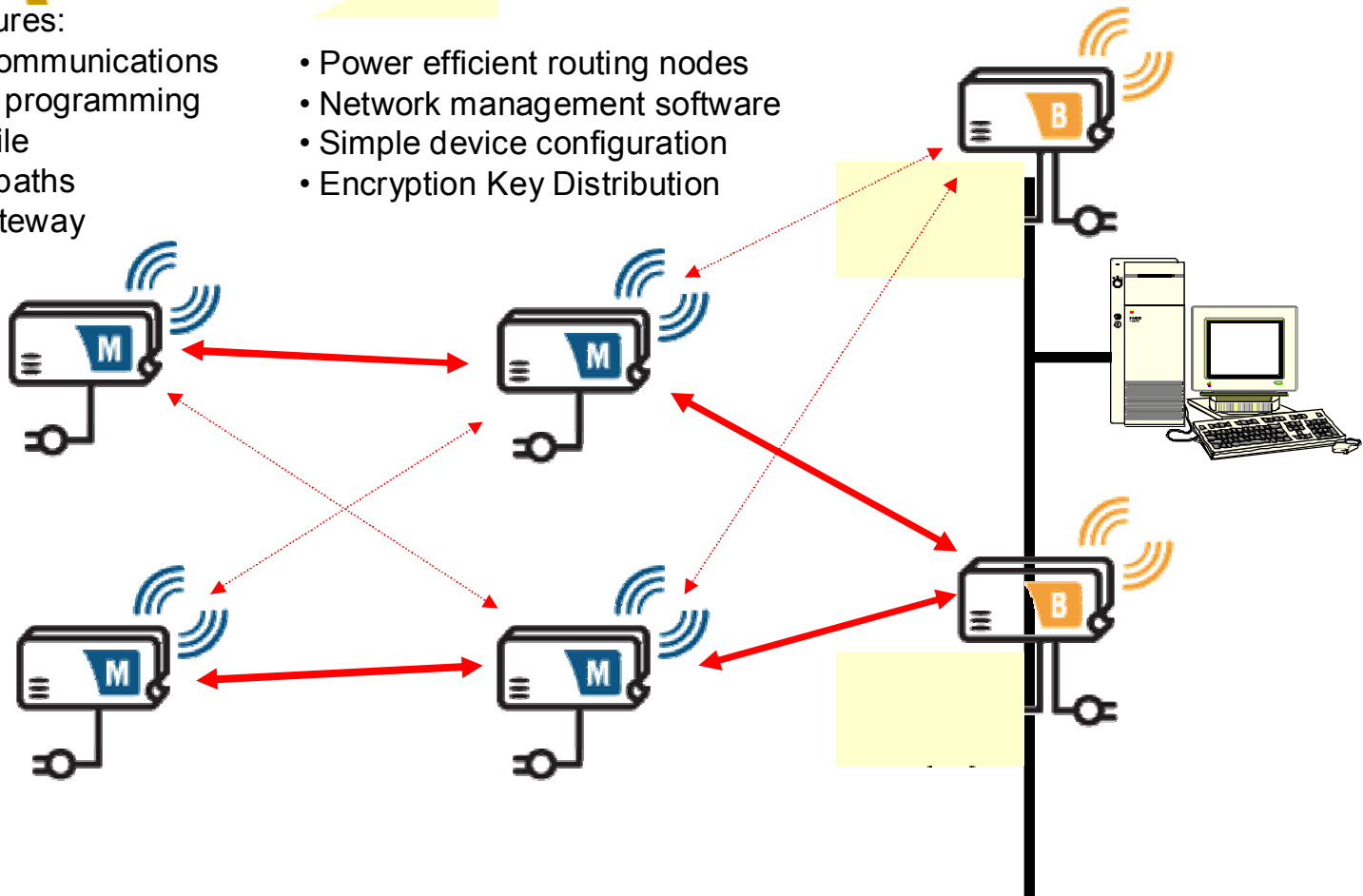
## Six Sigma Approach to Robust Design



## Sensimesh is self-configuring

### Unique Features:

- Two Way Communications
- Over the air programming
- Channel Agile
- Redundant paths
- Network Gateway
- Power efficient routing nodes
- Network management software
- Simple device configuration
- Encryption Key Distribution



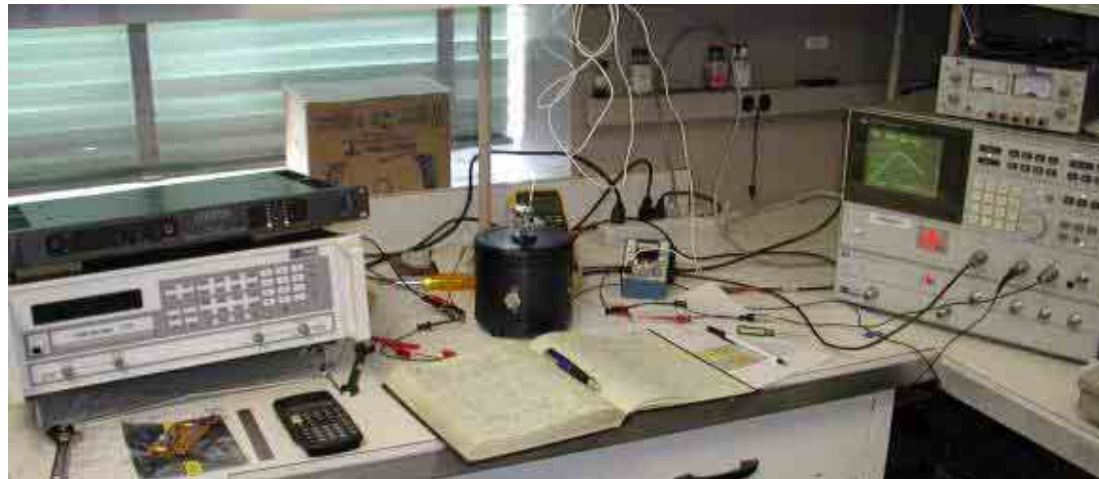
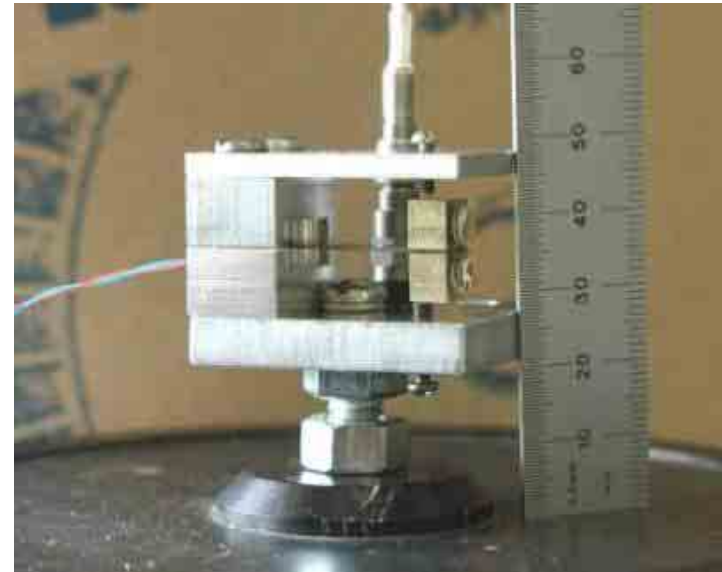
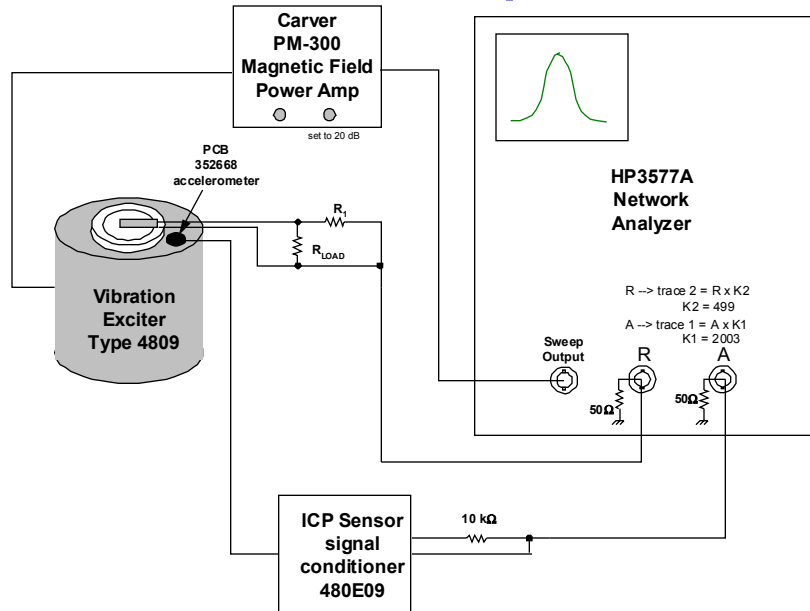
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# *Sensor Energy Source Study*

- Battery technology qualification and reliability study underway
- Lab experiments with prototype harvesting circuit underway
- GE Energy Services database data reduction for 2-pole, 60Hz motors (estimates for available energy from vibrations)
- Modeling of piezoelectric beam generators



# Experimental Setup



# *Available Motor Vibration Data*

- GE Energy Services Database, Customer Databases
- Data for 31 different AC motors extracted
- 824 data points extracted for those motors
  - Some motors monitored once, 2 monitored on ~40 dates
  - Motors usually have at least 2 horizontal and 2 vertical measurements
- Limiting data to 2-pole machines
- Analysis of fleet data in process, determining available energy level versus percentage of motors covered.



# Condition Forecaster<sup>TM</sup>

Technology elements are available to predict remaining motor life, given:

- Continuous sensor data,
- Historical repair data with mechanism in place to collect comprehensive data,
- Expert knowledge of root cause, and
- Data fusion between historical and real time sensor data to augment reliability statistics.



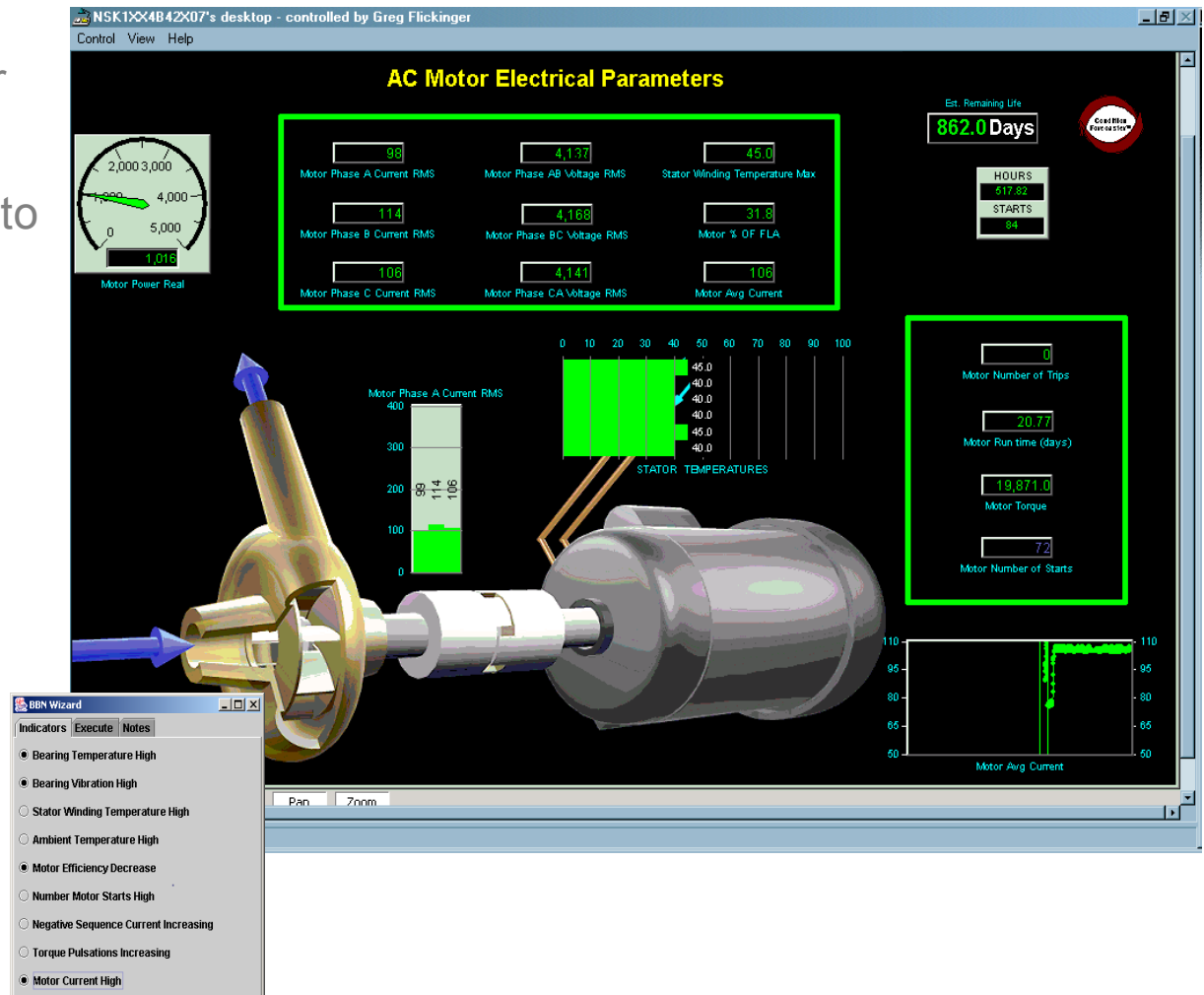
## Data Fusion with existing components

- ❖ Protective relays can provide:
  1. Current measurements/waveforms
  2. Voltage measurements/waveforms
  3. Power quality analysis

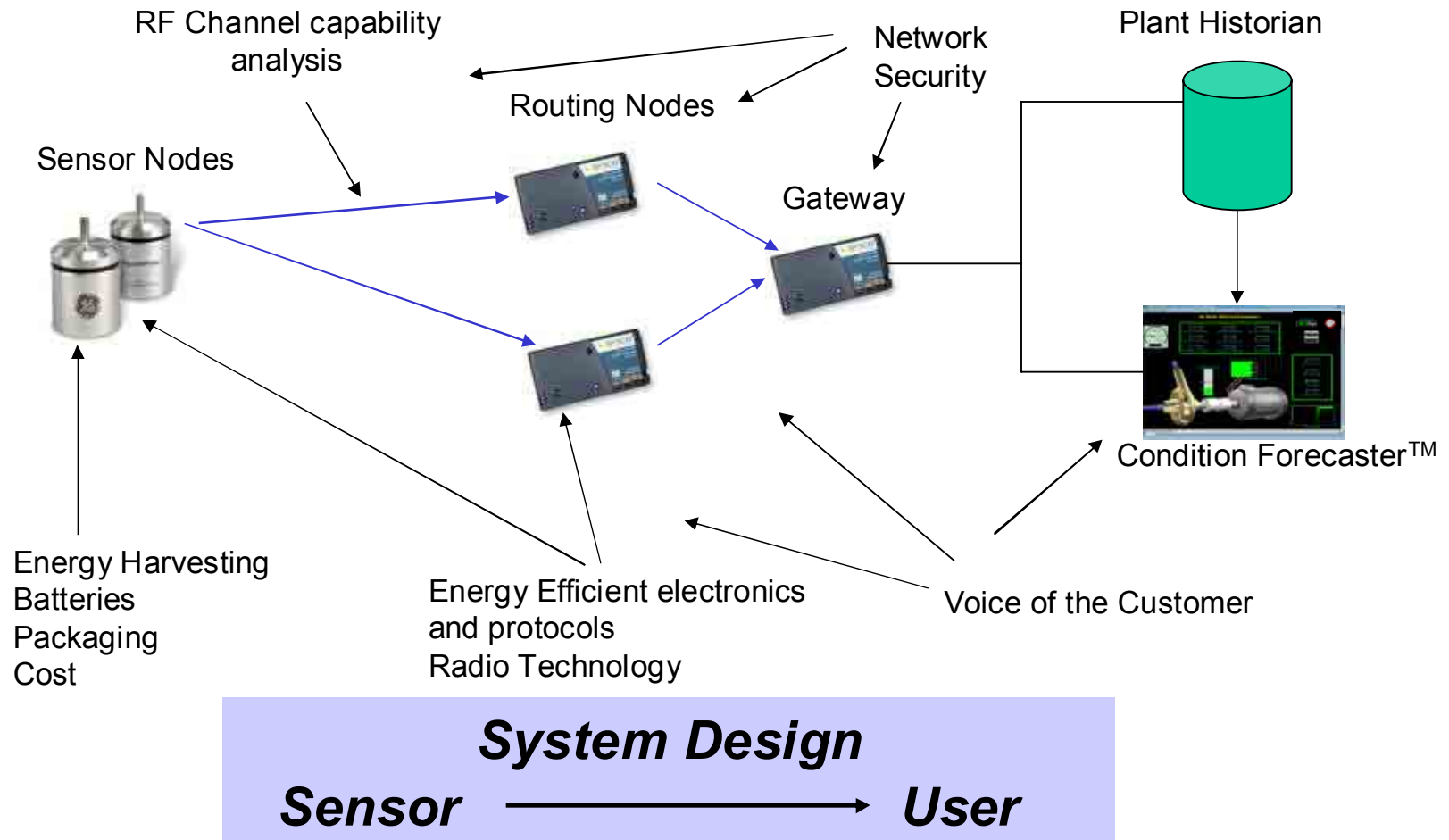
# Motor Reliability Analysis Output

The Condition Forecaster analysis outputs:

- Most likely component to experience next failure and the associated probability,
- Time until failure (in days) bounded by a statistical confidence interval, and
- Current sensory data.



# Project Activity Summary





# *Future Plans - Next 12 months*

## Voice of the Customer

- Complete Customer conjoint surveys/analyze data

## Capability Analysis

- Collect Channel/Radio Characteristics – multiple field sites
- Sample motor vibration data – multiple customer sites
- Battery life testing and qualification testing

## Onsite Technology Qualification

- Quantify Energy Harvesting capability
- Refine System design based on data collected
- Port Sensicast MAC and network software to CC2420
- Build alpha units and deploy at customer sites
- Build Alpha Gateway for interface to Plant Historian and *Condition Forecaster™*
- Begin integration with *Condition Forecaster™*

## Future Optimization

- Initiate motor physical modeling improvements at RPI



## Commercialization

- GE Infrastructure engaged, commercial license agreement with Sensicast under negotiation.
- Sensicast contributing member to ZigBee – standards being influenced.
- GE Kaye Instruments studying packaging/Production options based on ValProbe product (Class I Div II package)
- GE Energy (Bently Nevada and GE Energy Services) to incorporate *Condition Forecaster™* into *System One™* – market to industrial customer base. Sales and marketing teams engaged.
- Wireless Technology being leveraged by other GE Businesses – Security (Interlogix), Building Automation (GE Lighting), Utilities (GE Multilin).

***This project is a positive driver for making wireless sensors a reality***

